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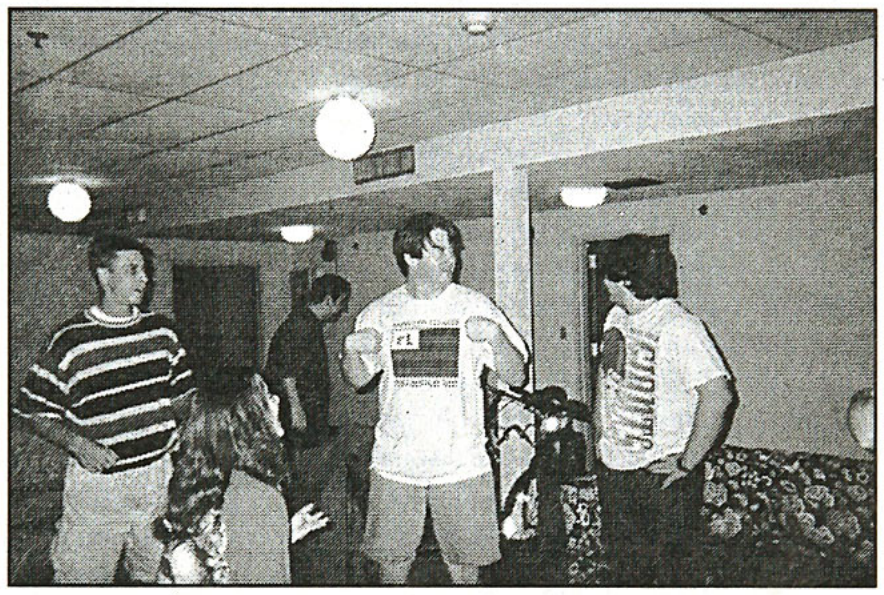
Saint Leo Diversifies

Lisa Bisordi
Assistant Editor

Monday, November 16, 1998 initiated Diversity Week here at Saint Leo College. The week was full of different programs and discussions that dealt with diversity. This re-establishment of an old tradition proved to be a great way for our community to understand diversity. Residence Life and the Office of Dr. Powers presented the program. The schedule dealt with many issues, such as: racism, sexual preference, religious persecution, gender discrimination, and stereotypical decisions. The different lectures were full of information intended to increase diversity awareness among faculty, staff, and students.

Sean Golden, a Resident Assistant, gives his opinion, "I think that it has been a great week. The programs were exciting. This week was a wonderful beginning to an old tradition. I look forward to the next time we celebrate Diversity Week." The tradition began in 1917 by Abbot Charles Mohr, a member of Saint Leo Monastery. The initial intention was to promote Catholicism and diversity in the area.

Many students attended the various programs. They enjoyed learning about the different issues regarding diversity. Student, Britain Leonard, states, "I felt that the programs during Diversity Week opened my eyes to what is going on around me. I learned to be more open-minded to different views, cultures, and opinions. This helped me to accept different views whether or not I agree with those views."



Students participate in Diversity Week events

The variety of programs included: lectures on the issues, discussions, games, and a trip to see "Beloved." The activities encouraged those involved to act against discrimination. "It made people take a step back and look at what diversity really is," student Tricia Falk states, "There are so many different kinds of discrimination people don't realize."

"Saint Leo Diversity Week is a great start to the destruction of prejudice and discrimination, but there is still a huge way to go. The knowledge of history and culture allows us to understand and accept other people and groups," states Brian Roper, a Resident Assistant.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

At sundown, on November 30, 1998, there was a celebration of the fourth annual Christmas Tree Lighting. According to Sister Candice Tucci, event coordinator, "The tradition behind the tree is a special blessing prepared with candlelight. The purpose of the event is for recognition that the Christmas tree is a symbol of God's presence among us through Jesus, who is referred to in scriptures as the tree of life and light". The gathering included refreshments and singing carols. The twenty-five foot tree was donated through the faculty union. Sister Candice expressed her thanks, "for the generosity of the union over the last two years."

Students gather at the 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.
Leonard J. Umhoefer Photography

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2 November: National Alzheimer's Month

Sally Moore
Freelance

Alzheimer's is not a normal aging process; it is a form of dementia. It is a disease. It is the fourth leading cause of death for adults in the United States. Today, four million people have been diagnosed with this disease. By the year 2015, Alzheimer's will affect fourteen million people. One in four people knows someone with Alzheimer's; one in seven people has a family member with this disease ("Alzheimer's Fact Sheet," 1997). There is no cure for AD, nor is there one predictive test that can be administered to determine the diagnosis of Alzheimer's. It is only after a process of elimination, by which every other known cause for memory loss is ruled out, that a physician will cautiously diagnose probable Alzheimer's Disease. Only a brain autopsy after death will confirm the diagnosis. At this time, prevention is not possible. There are a few experimental drugs on the market. These drugs offer some hope but little else. If these medications are administered in the early stages of the disease, they can stabilize a patient for a few months. Unfortunately, not all patients are able to tolerate the drugs, and many people are not diagnosed until they are in the middle stages of the disease.

There is no proven cause of AD. Scientists hint at many things: a viral infection, chemical deficits, genetic disposition, or environmental toxins. Theories abound, and research advances are promising. Whatever the causes of this disease may be, the end result is the same. Nerve cell death. This progressive nerve cell death occurs in those parts of the brain that control the memory, judgement, and thinking processes. Operations like breathing, digestion, and heartbeat are not affected.

Unpredictability, subtle symptoms, and varying degrees of intensity are complications that make the diagnosis of AD very difficult. Not everyone progresses through the disease at the same rate or in the same order. Philip D. Sloane, MD, MPH, Professor of Family Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine lists the following as symptoms of AD:

- Short-term memory loss, which is often the first;
- Confusion about where they are;
- Various personality and emotional changes;
- Faulty judgment and decision-making abilities;
- Trouble expressing thoughts and eventual loss of ability to speak;
- Aimless wandering
- Anger and resistance to caregivers

Scientists classify AD as either familiar or sporadic. Hereditary factors determine familiar (FAD); inheritance does not seem to play a role in sporadic (random) AD. Because the elderly are not the only victims of this disease, researchers further label AD as early- or late- onset. Early-onset AD strikes the under-60 population; this form is rare and very progressive. The slower-growth, more common form is late-onset AD, which affects the 65-and-older generation (Progressive Report, 1997). Even though people follow different timetables throughout the course of the disease, researchers categorize the advancement of AD by stages. Dr. Barry Reisberg's "Global Deterioration Scale," lists seven stages of Alzheimer's-related dementia. Stage 1 is a normal adult; Stage 2 (Forgetfulness) is congruous to normal aging. AD symptoms become noticeable in Stage 3 (Early Confusional), and by Stage 4 (Late Confusional), the patient has difficulty dealing with complicated everyday activities like handling finances. In Stage 5 (Early Dementia), the patient requires some assistance with choosing the proper clothing. By Stage 6 (Middle Dementia), the daily routine of bathing, dressing, and eating requires assistance. Stage 7 (Late Dementia) signals the loss of all verbal abilities. Eventually, the basic psychomotor skills dissipate. The brain is no longer able to communicate information to the body (Wiser Now, 1992).

The expected length of time for AD is three to twenty years after the onset of the symptoms. Each year 100,000 people die from this disease. No one is immune. AD is the slow, irreversible degeneration of mental, emotional, and physical abilities. As the facts become public knowledge, the numerous myths surrounding this disease are slowly disappearing. Families should not be ashamed of admitting that a loved one has AD. An individual's temporary memory lapses can aid in his understanding of what is happening to a person with AD.

Shabbily dressed, she clutches a box of diapers to her breast. Debris litters the ground. Dumped by her family, an old woman wanders aimlessly through a wasteland of garbage. The scene shifts to a deserted dog track. Beside the dumpster, an elderly gentleman, clad only in a soiled diaper, is slumped over in his wheelchair.

How could a son or daughter do this to his/her mother or father? Although Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is horrendous, it is not the end of the world. I know. In 1985, Alzheimer's was just a word that had been mentioned on the evening news. That same year my mother was "tentatively" diagnosed with AD. The little I knew about this disease was not enough to help my mother through the years that lay ahead. I devoured every book and article (in those days, not much had been published) I could find. I attended every conference and workshop offered in the surrounding area. By 1992, I considered myself an expert on AD. I thought that I knew this disease inside and out. Little did I realize that my education was just beginning. When my husband, Herman, was diagnosed with AD that same year, I was shocked. His behavior did not fit the symptoms I knew.

Until the day my mother died, she taught me how to live with this disease. Her courage and acceptance of AD inspired me to love her anew. I think she knew that one day I would need to draw upon her wisdom, guidance, and tutelage.

My husband gave me a deep appreciation of life. He taught me to let go of the unimportant clutter of daily living. I entered his world with him. Together we lived each day as it was given to us. We made no plans; we accepted whatever the day brought. I still marvel at the beauty of his unconditional love for ME – who was a total stranger to him.

It was a privilege and an honor to journey with Mom and Herman into the labyrinth of Alzheimer's. I am the richer for this experience. May the sharing of my joy and heartaches with other caregivers and the public prevent another mother or father from being tossed out with the garbage.

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Creative Writing Corner

A Life of Lies
Jennifer Chadeayne

All those things that you told me were they ever true,
or did you live a life of lies some thing no one ever knew?
I thought you were different from all the other guys
So why was everything you said just a bunch of lies
How could you hurt me when you knew my past
You always promised me that it would forever last.
You will never understand how I felt for you
But I must say it was oh so true.
When we would look into each other's eyes
I could never tell you lived a life of lies.

Rosina Ermilio

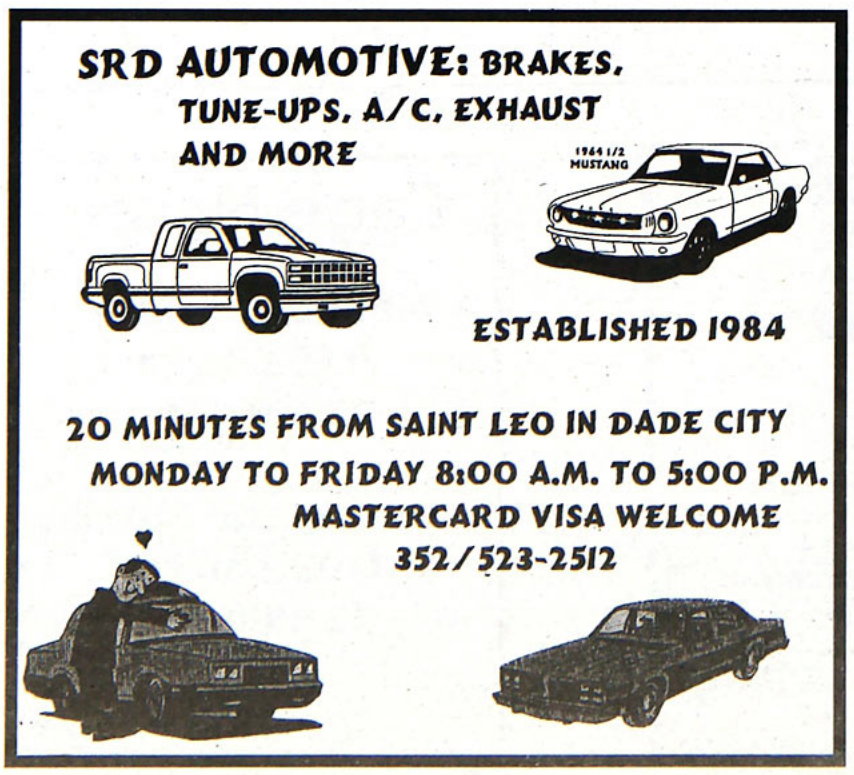
I would like to live life as a dream
Walking on clouds and ev'ry sunbeam
Living a life according to me
Where love is forever and I am free
Ev'ry star will shine bright and gleam
They'll be like no others I have seen
Happy, solemn, and fun it will be
A white cloud with a castle is what I will see
Life will be simple, easy to breathe
A world with no worries or problems to weave
Love and trust ev'ryone will believe
A life of peace would be a relief
No one would hate or ever be mean
Don't think I'm strange, it's only a dream
To live a life according to me
Where love is forever and I am free
Not far from the castle is a sea
Filled with beauty and some mystery
My present life will be history
All of the world will live happily
Life in my world will be Heavenly
All of the angels and doves will fly free
Singing and dancing all around me
Children playing without a worry
Happy, solemn, and fun it will be
To live life according to me
And when you look in the sky you'll see
Walking on clouds is where I will be.

Jennifer Molby

I dressed up like a cat,
walked up to the doormat,
but I was told to scat.
'Cross my feet ran a rat.
I thought: "I'll leave with that!"
Then I heard my friend Pat
saying "hey - you're getting fat."
I yelled, "You sure are a brat!"
When above us flew a bat.
With a witch we had to chat,
fore she had lost her hat.
An egg hit her with a 'splat.'
So she prepared for combat.
Then on the curb she sat,
mixin' a potion in a vat.
She threw a cup of it at
the boy who tried to scat.
He couldn't flee "drat."
He was transformed into a knat.
Then her foot squashed him flat!

Jacki Gay

Let's all sit down
And listen to me
Life ain't always
What is seems to be
Problems more numerous
Than the eye can see
Always coming in
Groups of three
Even in the land
Of the proud and the free
We're surrounded
By all forms of stupidity
Snobs who think they're
Better than you and me
Jerks who think they
Know what you want to be
No one knows you
The way I know me
No one sees you
The way you should be
Embrace your own power
Gain hold of eternity
Live life to the fullest
And drink it to the lees
Travel to all lands



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Saint Leo Pub?

Drew Danecki
Staff Writer

How many rumors have been going around that there is going to be a Pub on campus? Well, you can say that you hear a lot of things in a small school like Saint Leo College. Is that a good or bad thing? What is the actual definition of a "Pub?" Many students want a place to hang out and have some social time with friends and perhaps faculty. This all started from a request that was made last Spring that a pub should be on campus. Whatever happened to the one that was on campus back in the good old days? It looks as if it disappeared. For some reason it was discontinued.

> ***"It looks like an old bus station; old, tired and ready for a new life."***
>
> **Mr. Donatelli**

Here is the story. The College has commited to doing something in the area of a "Pub" or "Bar" that will allow the students to hang out and enjoy the game on TV or just have a beer. An architect has been contacted to plan out the whole project and to efficiently use the space of the McDonald Center. The plan is to move the Campus Store into the former Religious Conference Room. The Spiritual Center has already been built in the S.A.C. (Student Activity Center). The Pub will be located where the Campus Store is now. This will be enough room for couches and maybe a dozen TVs or a big screen for popular sports games. A cyber café would be a great place for students to hang out. Maybe it will be included in the package. As of now nothing is certain, but the plans are under review.

Last Spring a group of students went on an academic mission to some bars in Ybor City to find some good ideas on how this one on campus should be developed. Perhaps some pool tables, arcades, darts and fuszball tables will accompany the various activities that students could participate in while relieving the stress of being a student. The Board of Trustees has already given the signal to act, so it is a matter of time and getting it together. Many of the seniors would probably enjoy having a Pub on campus their last semester. "It looks like an old bus station; old, tired and ready for a new life" states Mr. Donatelli. This Pub is a continuation of the changes that have already been made in the lower level of the McDonald Center. A number of issues still have to be decided so the atmosphere will be perfect for college students, especially the students of Saint Leo College. There will be a fun little contest to get some more input on the whole topic of the Pub. In 50 words or less write what you think the Pub should be like and how the atmosphere should be upon entering the Saint Leo Pub. This will be great input from the students, and the winner will get a specific reward that will be determined. The entries can be given to Drew Danecki in Roderick 101. Many students have been excited about this information of a Pub opening on campus, and everybody will be able to participate in the great opening sometime next semester.

Community Service Day

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

Lock Street in Tommy Town is known for its gangs. Margarita Roma, director of Farmworkers Self-Help Inc., wants to change that image. She wants to rename the street "Calle de Milagros" which means Street of Miracles. Saint Leo College wanted to pitch in and help make Roma's dream come true. Sister Candice Tucci, Assistant to the President for College Ministry, organized a school-wide Community Service Day that would take place at Lock Street. On November 21, over 130 people from Saint Leo College showed up on Lock Street ready to help restore the Farmworker buildings and clean-up the street. Students, faculty, and staff from Saint Leo, combined with volunteers from Farmer's Self-Help Inc., worked from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They hauled away debris, washed windows, scrubbed floors, and painted walls. Plant Operations cemented walkways, and Tom O'Brien, Sports Information Director, volunteered two basketball nets from the athletic department. The Student Government Union donated $200 for materials. Also, two businesses from Dade City donated materials to the project. An American flag was donated by Wal-Mart, and McDonald's provided the drinks for the volunteers during lunch. Bill Foley, Professor of Accounting, and Anna DiDonato, from Student Affairs, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for the volunteers during their lunch break.

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Faculty Profile: Dr. Jack McTague

Jennifer Hawley
Staff Writer

Dr. Jack McTague is Saint Leo's only full-time history professor. He has a B.A. from Sienna College, a M.A. from Fordham University, and a Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Before coming to Saint Leo, Dr. McTague taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo for two years. He has been a professor at Saint Leo for twenty-three years. He currently teaches Western Civilizations, Far Eastern Civilizations, Middle Eastern History, History of Latin America and the Caribbean, Palestine and Israel, Legacies of the British Empire, Race and Ethnicity, Modern Russia, British History, and History of Ideas.

Dr. McTague truly enjoys teaching. He says, "The thing I enjoy most is to see students actively involved in class." This involvement includes arguing, asking questions, etc. He also says, "I try to be very conscious of making history as interesting as possible for the students." He wants his students to think about what they are learning and discover the "why?" behind the notes they take in class. He attempts to show how the present and the past are connected. He has this to say about teaching: "I think it is a very enjoyable career." He appreciates the instant feedback.

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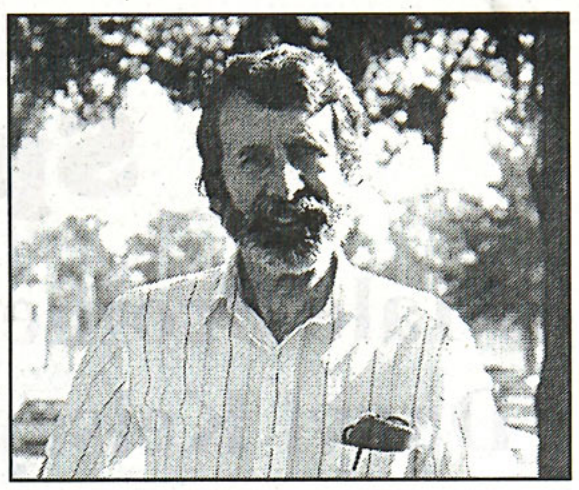
> **Dr. McTague**

Dr. McTague is well-liked and respected by his students. Junior Stacy Skipper feels that, "Dr. McTague is great because he always makes time for his students." Senior Chris Rhodes adds, "I admire his detailed knowledge . . . . Dr. McTague always has time for my questions." All-in-all, Dr. McTague is a true credit to Saint Leo College.



Dr. Jack McTague

Art Show: Recycled Perspectives

Sister Dolorosa Kissaka
Freelance

The "Recycled Perspectives 1 & 2" is on in the Lions Lounge. Considering the major theme of saving and preserving our planet, the exhibit expresses some of the ways which used material like wood, paper, and metal could be reused favorably and creatively. With the support and encouragement of our Art instructor, Mrs. J. Cameron, M.A., Dolorosa Kissaka and Drew H. Danecki, the 1998 - 1999 graduating students with Art Minors, are delighted to explore and apply creative recycled perspectives.

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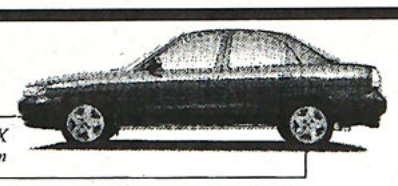

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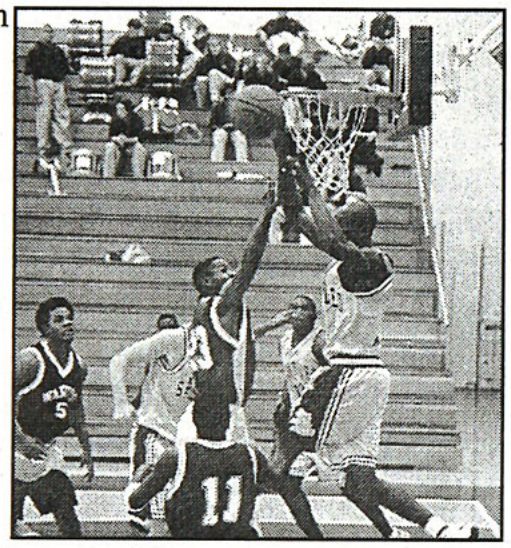
Sports Profiles

Male Profile: Daryl Kelsey, Basketball

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

Daryl Kelsey transferred from Southern Union to Saint Leo College two years ago. He sat out his first two years as an academic red shirt. This season the men's basketball team stands at 3-0. Kelsey has played a major part in helping to lead the team to victory. In the first two games of the season, against Palm Beach Atlantic and Florida Memorial, He averaged 26.5 points per game. Kelsey does more than just score for the Monarchs. In those first two games, he averaged 7 rebounds and 3.5 assists. He did so well that he was named Sunshine State Conference Player of the Week. Coach Hanks describes Kelsey's impact on the team, "He's an explosive player who poses a lot of problems for match-ups. He gives us a great addition to our perimeter team, possibly the best passing team in the league. It makes it fun to play and fun to watch." Kelsey has a very positive outlook on the team's future and the addition of post player, Adrian Hillman, "We are going to do good. I am confident we are gonna win it. With the addition of Big Adrian, I am sure we are going to win a conference title." His teammate, Derrick King, believes Kelsey is an exceptional athlete, he brings "Athleticism, scoring, great sportsmanship, he is a threat anywhere on the court."



Kelsey in flight

Female Profile: Angela Meiser, Basketball

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

The Monarchs have been aided by the addition of junior Angela Meiser this year. She is currently leading the team in scoring with 15.0 points per game. She is a phenomenal athlete who has the ability to take the game into her own hands. Her coach labels her as a "fighter" who is "competitive" and has a "winning desire." Freshman Chrissy Bavetta credits her with being able to "carry the team on her back."

"She has worked hard to pull out of the pick-up game mode that she has been in," commented Coach Hayes. "That mode comes from not having played in a college game in over a year. She made some good leadership decisions when Kelly Kohn went down with an injury." By the end of the season her athleticism and shooting ability should put her in the ranks of the conference's elite players. Her game, while flashy, is fundamentally sound.

Angela Meiser

Meiser had some of her own comments about what's in store for her and her teammates the rest of the season. "We have a lot of potential and are starting to click. We've finally begun to play as a team. In order to start winning we need to enter games with a lot of intensity and keep our heads up." Things can only go up from here, and, as this valuable addition to the team well knows, a lot of the team's success will depend on her continued tenacity.

Sports Column: Student Athletes

Sean Golden
Freelance

Being a student athlete on any college campus is quite the feat. Student athletes have many different schedules that they need to follow. There is the schedule for in season. That is when they have practices and when games are. Then there is also the out of season schedule, which usually consists of practices and sometimes scrimmages against other teams or just an inter squad game. Jimmie Gibson says, "I take it one day at a time. If I don't do that, I am lost." Jimmie is a member of the Monarch Baseball Team. His schedule for next semester consists of classes every morning until noon. Baseball starts in the afternoon and lasts until about 10:00. Then he has other obligations as a Resident Assistant, and most importantly, his homework.

Student athletes tend to be involved in their schools also. Sarah Hard, a sophomore cross country runner, is very involved here at Saint Leo. She is Secretary of Student Government Union, a Student Chaplain, a member of Alpha Sigma, an Ambassador, an Orientation Leader, and a member of the University Committee. She was also one of the students involved in bringing in the cross country team to Saint Leo.

To most student athletes, their school work comes first. Without good grades they can not participate in sports. Freshman volleyball player, Shan Anderson, uses her motivation to play volleyball to help her get through her studies. She says that "You have to be dedicated to both to succeed."

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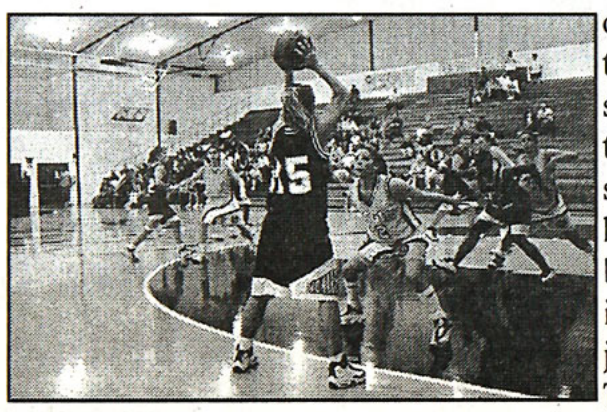
Sports Update

Women's Basketball Update

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

The Monarchs record (0-5) is a little misleading. They are a scrappy group of athletes who are beginning to come into their own. Every team they have played so far is a nationally ranked team. One of their losses came at the hands of number one North Dakota. Coach Hayes commented, "For a bunch of new faces and a tough schedule, we are beginning to come around." There is an admirable amount of pride and optimism with which the team carries itself.

One freshman who has had an immediate impact is Mindi Bodolus. Her teammates and coaches credit her as being a very "solid" player. "She has a real desire to improve and win," as Hayes noted. Statistically she is third on the team with 8.0 points per game, second in rebounding with 8.4 per game, and she leads the team in blocks with a 1.8 average. Telica Philip and Angela Meiser have been the major offensive contributors. The floor general again this year has been Kelly Kohn who leads the team in assists at 4.2 per game. Joining Kohn and Philip in providing senior leadership is Dawna Ferguson. She is a tremendous defender and leads the team in rebounds with 9.0 per game.



Kelly Kohn looks for a clear shot. ***Leonard J. Umhoefer***

The Achilles heal of this team so far this season has been injuries. Telica Philip has been playing injured all season. A stress fracture and an injured knee have troubled her. Kelly Kohn, the starting point guard, went down with an injury in their last game. If the team can overcome injuries, they should be able to turn their season around. Also, when they start playing some conference games they should be able to mount some victories. Their conference is strong but it is definitely not stronger than their non-conference schedule. Go out and support your Monarchs. They play a very exciting and up tempo brand of basketball.

Men's Basketball Update

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

The Men's basketball team has three freshmen who are making an immediate and enormous impact on the team. Danielle Del Bo, Tony Ross, and Daniel Fallon are sharing time at the fifth spot on the team. Coach Hanks feels that Ross and Del Bo are at an advantage as freshmen because they were red shirted last year which allowed them a year to get acclimated to the college life. Fallon has been a pleasant surprise for the Monarchs. He is physically strong and mentally tough for a freshman. In the game against Webber College these three combined for 23 points and 17 rebounds. Hanks says, "We pride ourselves on having freshmen who make a significant contribution to this team." In Coach Hanks' first year at Saint Leo, he had two players on the All-Freshmen Team in the Sunshine State Conference, Brett Slaughter and Austin Ojukwu. The next year Daniel Palmer was named to the All-Freshmen Team.

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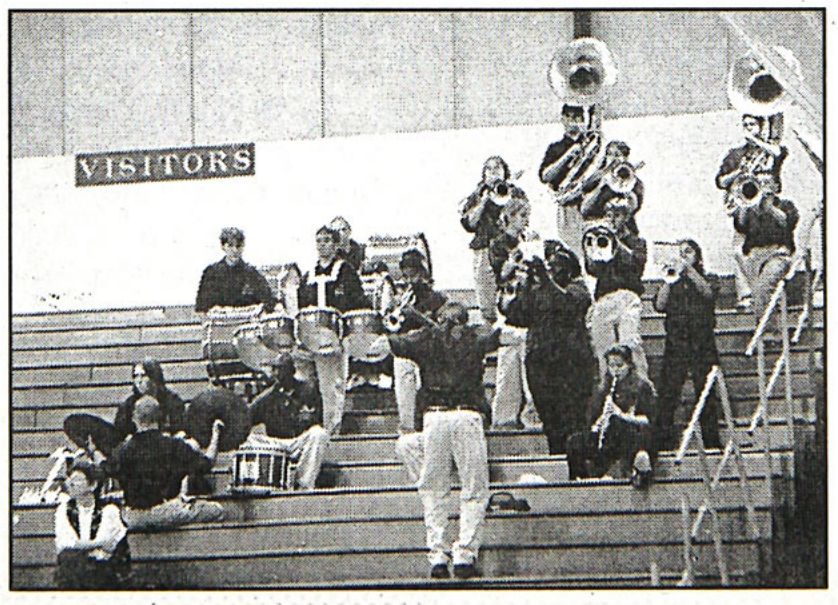
>
> **Coach Hanks**

New Spirit Band

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

Attending Saint Leo basketball games this year should be a little different. We now have a spirit band. The atmosphere of the games has an exciting big school basketball feel. Sitting in the stands during a time-out feels almost as if you were in Rupp Arena or "The Pit." The band is made of members of the Pasco High School Band. Come out and support the Monarchs and the Spirit Band at all home games.



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Organization Profile: Student Goverment Union

Jennifer J. Hawley
Staff Writer

The Student Government Union, (SGU), is the representative body for all of Saint Leo College's students. Their mission statement and the preamble to their constitution succinctly sums up their purpose on campus: "The Student Government Union is the voice of the student body and acts as the advocate of student needs and the liaison between the students and members of the Saint Leo College faculty, staff, and administration. An advocate that promotes leadership through the students, instills pride, provides financial support, and enhances the spiritual, emotional, and physical aspects of the student body." Vice President of Activities Angelo Rittacco wants the student body to know that the SGU is very different from the way it was in the past. The officers attempt to be more readily available to help Saint Leo's students. As Angelo said, "We want to build bridges; we are students ourselves." Suggestions from the college community are both welcome and needed.

To better serve Saint Leo's students, the SGU has a number of officers (each with a specific task to perform). President Jason Layton interacts with the president of the college to meet the student body's needs. Vice President of operations Neil Kennedy works with the Senate and oversees the various clubs and organizations on campus. Vice president of Activities Angelo Rittacco and Activities Coordinator Katie Sewell work together to plan activities such as educational programs, social functions, and outside trips. Director of Finance Martin Vargas oversees SGU's budget. Director of Communications Wendy Mendoza works to inform the student body of the various planned activities. Sarah Hard holds the position of Executive Secretary, and Nancy Pond and Monica Forget serve as faculty advisors.

SGU meets on Mondays at 6:00 P.M. in Selby Auditorium. The SGU office is located in deChantal Hall. Office hours are posted on the door.

Benedictine Sisters' Thanksgiving Dinner

Sister Mary David Hydro
Freelance

The Benedictine Sisters of Florida and St. Anthony of Padua parish teamed up to host a Thanksgiving Dinner at the parish center in San Antonio, November 26th, 2:00-4:00pm.

"There is no need for anyone to be alone for Thanksgiving," said Betty Burke, pastoral assistant at the parish. "All are welcome to join our family." The sisters have hosted a dinner for the past two years. Their Corporate Commitment is to respond to with the compassion of Christ to the physical, spiritual and emotional hungers of the people of God.

In August the Sisters sold their large cafeteria building, so they were happy when the St. Anthony parish was interested in co-hosting the dinner in their lovely, new parish center. "We're glad to be working with St. Anthony parish," said Sister Mary Clare Neuhofer, prioress. "This is the parish that our Sisters first came to serve in 1889. Many, if not most, of the children of the parish families have been taught by our Sisters at St. Anthony School. We are excited about renewing the bonds of friendship."

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There was no charge for the Thanksgiving Dinner. Donations of money and service were appreciated. The Sisters had been given food for the dinner and folks volunteered. We've all been given much. This is a way to share. "We've gotten out flyers to local churches and agencies; we want anyone who may have to be alone or have no food for a proper Thanksgiving meal to join us," said Sister Mary David, a member of the planning committee. "We find that what many are looking for is companionship and the chance to help others. In the past many different people from different settings: old, young, educated or not, those who have a lot or a little, those in difficulty or recovering from hard times, they have all come together and reached out to care/serve each other. They shared a meal and themselves; they went home feeling satisfied on many levels. The dinner will feed many hungers."

"On Thanksgiving night we like to ask the question: Where did you see Christ today? He's had different faces but always he's come to our Thanksgiving meal," say the sisters.

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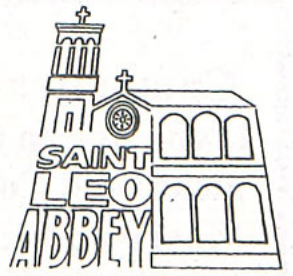

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Domestic Violence Week

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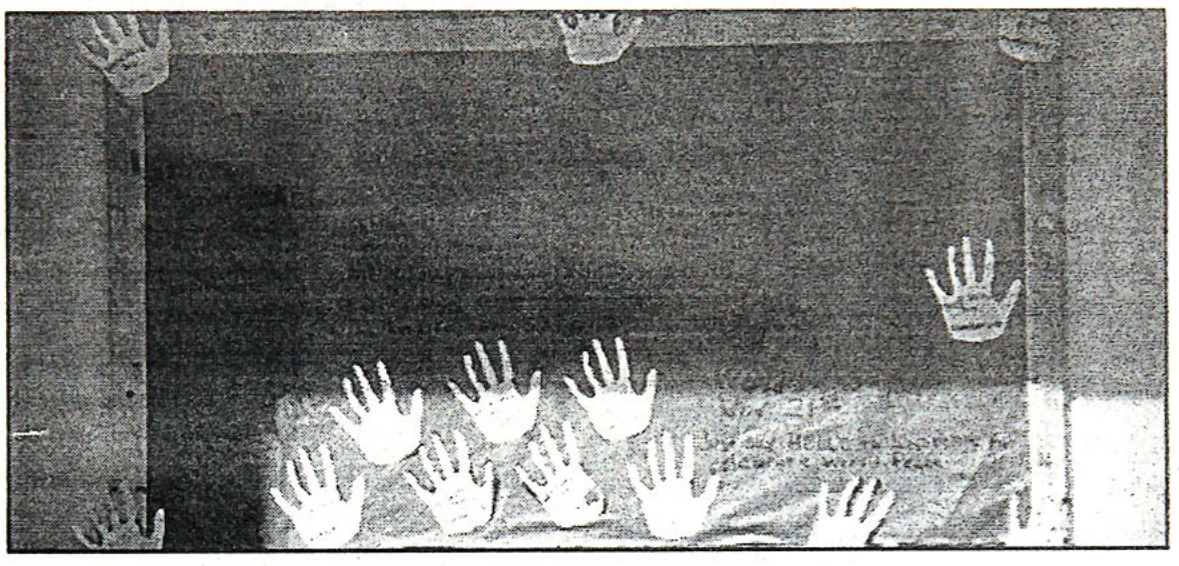

Sewell wants to make sure that the entire student body realizes that the college has several agencies which deal specifically with domestic violence. Dr. Spoto deals with sexual harassment, Dr. Vitale is available for various types of counseling, and the RAs and Student Affairs will help victims while maintaining confidentiality .

During the week of November 9-13, Saint Leo College played host to Domestic Violence Week. This event was sponsored by many different organizations, including: Student Government Union, Alpha Sigma, Residence Life, Students United Against Violence, the Student Advisory Committee, and the men's basketball team. The purpose of this week was to raise awareness of domestic violence, and the threat of domestic violence, on the Saint Leo campus. This violence has taken the form date rape, sexual assault, etc. Domestic Violence Week sought to help the victims of such violence learn how to handle what happened to them and to make them realize that it is OK to report it. Alpha Sigma's and SGU's Katie

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Activities during Domestic Violence Week included the hanging of a clothesline between residence halls to represent a fraction of those who have been killed by domestic violence. Fundraising occurred outside the cafeteria to benefit Sunrise, a local sexual assault counseling center. A rally was held which included a march, a candlelight vigil, and testimonies from the victims of violence. The organizers hope to make Domestic Violence Week an annual event that will make Saint Leo College a safer place.

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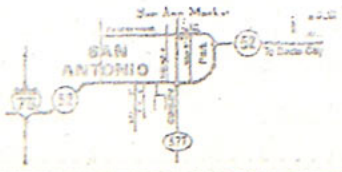

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New Center of International Studies Program

Drew Danecki
Satff Writer

Wouldn't it be nice to have a great experience studying in a different country? For some, this is a dream and an opportunity to get a view of a different culture and see some beautiful parts of other countries. Many would like to learn how to speak another language. Most just like traveling and enjoying the sights and tasty food of other countries. Whatever the reason, it is an interesting concept to engage in another culture, and see how others live on a day to day basis, and actually have a hands-on experience abroad at the same time.

The opportunity is great, and the cost is the same as the tuition at Saint Leo College.

Now it is possible. Saint Leo College took the initiative and now has a partnership with the C.I.S. in Madrid, Spain. Many students can go overseas to the capital of Spain and have a semester studying Spanish. Other curricula are also offered that can cover the necessary credits to graduate. The opportunity is great, and the cost is the same as the tuition here at the Saint Leo campus. The student would be assigned to a host family that will take care of the meals and laundry. This would be an opportunity to taste all of the great Spanish recipes. Transportation is easy on the Subway(Metro) which covers all of the places that a student needs to travel to. The host families are located fairly close to campus so it is not that far to walk, but the Metro is a lot faster and isn't that expensive. In fact, the student can purchase a monthly pass that will allow unlimited travel.

It is an opportunity of a lifetime, and many now have knowledge that C.I.S. exists. This is an opportunity for Spanish students to attend Saint Leo College to get an American experience and for American students to attend C.I.S. for the Spanish experience.

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Alumna Profile: Laura Reyes

Dr. Baglione
Faculty Advisor

Laura Reyes wanted a job that offered travel, required public speaking and fluency in Spanish, and utilized her degree in international studies. She did not know that the job would be only 100 feet from her college classrooms.

Dr. Doug Astolfi, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, approached Laura about applying for a position in the Office of Admissions to be a "diplomat" for the school's new campus in Spain for students throughout the United States. Through Laura's "diplomacy," the Spanish campus is laying a strong foundation.

Laura came to Saint Leo envisioning a short stay before undertaking missionary work abroad. But supportive parents and faculty, especially her advisor, Mr. Chuck Fisk, Jr., persuaded her to complete her college degree first. Her parents said, "Monetary things could all be gone tomorrow, but the one thing we can provide, even after we are gone, is your education and our love." Laura agreed, "I had a map of the world in my dorm room, and I used to think when I got my degree I could go wherever I wanted."

Now, with degree in hand, she travels the United States and Spain promoting Saint Leo and showing first hand the quality of Saint Leo graduates. Laura eventually wants to build upon her international experience and become an international lawyer, but that will wait at least until she gets back from trips to upstate New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Spain, Illinois, Florida, Rhode Island, etc.

SAINT LEO'S # 1 NATIONAL AWARD WINNING STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The Saint Leo American Marketing Association (AMA) chapter is a student-run organization, overseen by a faculty advisor. It is an award-winning organization-nine consecutive years-that allows students to meet other students and business professionals while gaining valuable experience in preparing for future careers.

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The Saint Leo AMA provides on-campus monthly speakers from the business community. It also participates in the Tampa business chapter of the AMA and the Florida chapter of the Direct Mail Association, each of which have several hundred business members. The Saint Leo AMA pays for the most active students to accompany the faculty advisor to seminars given by these organizations.

CAREER PREPARATION

The chapter's two or three most active students earn the right to attend the national AMA meeting held annually in New Orleans, all expenses paid!! To raise funds for the trip and other projects, the Saint Leo AMA sells care packages to parents for students during finals week, provides a canteen for faculty and staff, sells the advertising in the Saint Leo student newspaper "The Monarch," and sells Saint Leo logo watches and clocks. The result: You will learn about personal selling, advertising layout and design, mail order, budgeting, and inter-personal skills. In general, skills necessary to succeed in any career. If elected a chapter officer, you will be responsible for an organization with over 25 members and an annual budget of over $8,000.

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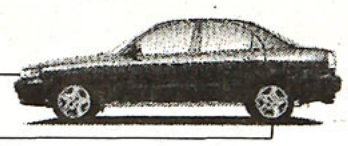

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